

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PICKUP FOR ELECTRIC GUITARS, AND METHOD OF TRANSDUCING THE VIBRATIONS OF GUITAR STRINGS, the specification of which is attached hereto and identified with attorney's file 360030-389.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

			Priority Claimed	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day, month, year filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint W. Poms, Reg. 18,782, G. P. Smith, Reg. 20,142, H. D. Jastram, Reg. 19,777, C. A. S. Hamrick, Reg. 22,586, G. E. Lande, Reg. 22,222, A. C. Rose, Reg. 17,047, L. J. Bovasso, Reg. 24,075, D. J. Oldenkamp, Reg. 29,421, C. Darrow, Reg. 30,166, M. D. Harris, Reg. 26,690, M. E. Brown, Reg. 28,590, E. F. O'Connor, Reg. 25,903, C. Rosenberg, Reg. 31,464, M. A. Kondzella, Reg. 18,013, A. P. Block, Reg. 35,450, S. R. Hansen, Reg. 38,486, D. N. Larson, Reg. 29,401, J. W. Inskeep, Reg. 33,910, J. Boyce, Reg. 40,920, R. O. Guillot, Reg. 28,852, E. C. Chang, Reg. 37,593, M. Imami, Reg. 38,190, D. Voelzke, Reg. 37,957, G. L. Fountain, Reg. 36,374, G. F. Cotterell, Reg. 37,802, J. M. Kalis, Reg. 37,650, C. J. Lervick, Reg. 35,244, L.J. Peters, Reg. 33,562; OPPENHEIMER WOLFF & DONNELLY LLP, 2029 Century Park East, Suite 3800, Los Angeles, California 90067, (310) 788-5000, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application and to transact in connection therewith all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and before competent International Authorities.

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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PATENT

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Applicant : TURNER  
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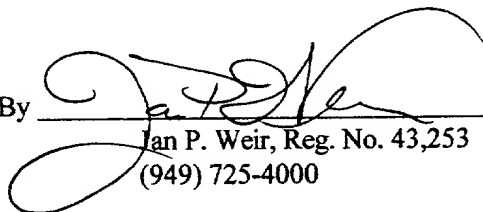
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, WILLIAM T. TURNER, residing at 16718 Oakway Lane, Chino Hills, California 91710, the undersigned inventor (ASSIGNOR), has invented PICKUP FOR ELECTRIC GUITARS, AND METHOD OF TRANSDUCING THE VIBRATIONS OF GUITAR STRINGS, for which I am about to file application for letters patent of the United States. I have executed the application concurrently with executing this assignment. I am the sole owner of this invention and improvements; and

WHEREAS, FENDER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION (ASSIGNEE) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 7975 North Hayden Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258. The ASSIGNEE desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions, applications and letters patent to be granted and issued for the inventions and applications by a recordable assignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) by the ASSIGNEE to me paid, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of all of which I acknowledge, I, the ASSIGNOR, have sold and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest:

in and to the inventions and all improvements thereon,

in and to the application for letters patent thereon,

in and to applications pertaining to or based upon the inventions and applications, including divisional and continuing applications and continuations-in-part, and

in and to any and all letters patent which may be granted and issued on the inventions and applications, or any of them, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but for, to and in all foreign countries, together with and including all priority rights based upon any and all applications in the United States of America covered by this Assignment.

And for the above-named considerations, I agree that I will, at the request of the ASSIGNEE, execute any and all applications for letters patent for the inventions and any and all other papers and documents and do all other and further lawful acts that the ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to obtain letters patent on the inventions, to secure the grant of such letters patent and to perfect and vest in the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in the inventions, applications and letters patent.

And for the above-named considerations, I authorize and empower the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to apply for and obtain, in its or their own names, letters patent for the inventions before competent International Authorities including the World Intellectual Property Office and in any and all countries foreign to the United States in which applications for letters patent can be so made or letters patent so obtained.

Dated: 1-4-99

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STATE OF California )  
 ) ss.  
 COUNTY OF Riverside )

On this 4th day of January, 1999, before me Maria Torres, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared William T. Turner personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

(SEAL)

Maria Torres  
 Notary Public

